



**Collegiate Archery Program  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 30, 2020**

1. Callie Grieser began the online GoToMeeting presentation and meeting at approximately 2PM MT by introducing herself and welcoming attendees to the call. There were 41 people in attendance. CEO, Rod Menzer thanked everyone for joining the call. Callie explained how attendees can submit questions via the Chat box on Go To Meeting.
2. USA Archery will provide an online survey, meeting minutes and presentation recording post meeting via email.
3. Collegiate Archery Program Statistics were presented. These numbers are down from 2019 due to the cancelation of 2020 Outdoor Target Regionals and Nationals.
  - a. Collegiate Archery Programs – 85
  - b. Collegiate Archers – 1,65
  - c. Collegiate Archers with Eligibility - 941
  - d. Varsity Programs – 21
4. Callie reminded Club Leaders to update their club profiles for scholarship opportunities. Additionally, USA Archery members should make sure their profile information is also current for program mailings and communications.
5. The Collegiate Archery Program Advisory Council was highlighted and regional coach and athlete representatives names were presented
  - a. The North Region position on the council is currently vacant due to a coach resignation.
  - b. The East and the South and corresponding East/South Athlete Rep seats will be up for election in 2021.
6. USA Archery will be providing one year of eligibility relief for all archers effected by COVID- 19 cancellations in the Spring of 2020. All current academic eligibility requirements will remain the same for returning archers.
7. Callie highlighted which events were cancelled for 2020:
  - a. Collegiate Indoor Final
  - b. Collegiate Target Regionals
  - c. Collegiate Target Nationals
  - d. FISU American Games
8. The 3D Collegiate 3D Regionals and National dates and locations were presented as well as 2021 Collegiate Target Regionals and Nationals dates and locations.
9. The 2021 Collegiate Target Nationals will be May 20-23 in Richmond, VA.
10. The 2021 WUG will be August 18-29 in Chengdu, China. Selection procedures for this event are posted at [www.usarchery.org](http://www.usarchery.org). The event will most likely be self-funded.

11. A 2020 Collegiate Awards update was presented:
  - a. The All-American Academic Team was announced with no changes to criteria. The awards will be mailed when the National Office reopens (i.e. certificates and medals).
  - b. The All-American Team was awarded using indoor national results only.
    - i. Companies who will provide sponsors for this team was presented via a logo slide.
  - c. The All-Around Archer of the Year award will be awarded using Indoor Nationals and Collegiate 3D Nationals scores.
  - d. The 2020 Regional and Coach of the Year awards will proceed as planned.
  - e. Award calculations will return to the normal process for 2021.
  - f. In 2020, USA Archery awarded \$30,679.77 in collegiate grants for equipment, but not travel for regional or national target events due to event cancellations. If additional dollars are available in 2020, USA Archery will hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant deadline for travel grants for 3D National Championships.
12. Callie explained the SafeSport Code had been updated for 2020 and advised clubs to review these changes.
13. Callie also explained USA Archery has released Athlete Safety Procedures for Event Organizers, to comply with requirements set forth by the U.S. Center for SafeSport and the USOPC. There will be in person event audits beginning in 2020. Auditors may request proof of compliance; thus, USA Archery has developed the Event Personnel Tracking Tool to assist event organizers. USA Archery will send more guidance to event organizers and Callie will assist the LOC's.
14. Callie presented a summary of USA Archery's Collegiate Archery Program growth strategies to include:
  - a. Digital Marketing Campaigns with Campus Rec
  - b. National Symposium
  - c. Conference Development Initiatives with NAIA
  - d. Targeted Communications to Conference Leaders nationwide
  - e. Coach Development via the Club Excellence Program and Courses
  - f. Grant Programs for Program development to include coach education and equipment
  - g. Collegiate Scholarship Promotion (i.e. National Signing Day)
  - h. 1 Year Free USA Archery Memberships – NASP, OAS, S3DA
15. USA Archery will be offering Para Divisions for the Collegiate Archery Program in 2021 and onward for W1, Recurve Open, Compound Open and Visually Impaired.
  - a. An MQS will be provided for Program Awards for divisions with less than 8 archers.
16. Callie requested clubs email her as soon as possible at [cgrieser@usarchery.org](mailto:cgrieser@usarchery.org) if they intend to offer scholarships at the 2020 JOAD Target Nationals.
17. USA Archery will be evaluating registration fees for the 2021 Indoor National and Collegiate Indoor National Final. A survey will be issued to club leaders to gather feedback on this topic.

18. USA Archery will also issue a survey on the topic of Collegiate Outdoor Target Regionals. More specifically, should athletes be permitted to earn an all-region award by attending a regional event outside their region. USA Archery would also like to learn more about what the All Region award means to athletes and clubs.

### **Q&A Session**

- Why is the indoor season so long?
  - The 2020 indoor season ran from January to March. USA Archery holds indoor events in multiple locations prior to the Indoor Finals.
- Why can't collegiate indoor regionals be hosted by colleges?
  - There are not collegiate indoor regional events, but rather the collegiate divisions are included in indoor locations.
- Why can't the collegiate Indoor Final be completed by end of February?
  - The final Indoor Nationals location held their event March 2. The Indoor Final was scheduled to be hosted in conjunction with large NFAA Indoor Finals event in March to make USAA Indoor Final more affordable.
- Why can't outdoor target be in the fall and 3D in the Spring?
  - Outdoor events are the premier events. Since school starts in the fall there would not be adequate time to prepare. In addition, there would be issues with the structure of collegiate awards including All-American Team.
- For eligibility with seniors that graduated this year, is there a way we can allow for them to come back next spring to shoot for their current school? Some seniors are done with school, so to make them have to be eligible defeats the purpose for giving them their year back.
  - USA Archery is following rules similar to NAIA and NCAA are using for academic eligibility.
  - Athletes do not have to compete in consecutive years, but within the parameters of the academic eligibility guidelines (i.e. may return for grad school, etc).
- Why is WUG going to be a self-funded event for 2021?
  - Mary explained that the WUG event will either be self-funded or partially self-funded due to USA Archery expecting a heavy international event schedule in 2021 due to the postponement of the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the reduction in USOPC and other funding USA Archery will have in 2021. USA Archery will need to better understand the scope of the 2021 budget as a whole before a full determination can be made. The staff will be funded for this event.
- Will there be collegiate only locations for Indoor Nationals? Registration for last year's indoor nationals in Chula Vista was full within 48 hours of it opening in early October. With schools starting in the Fall, none of the clubs in Southern California knew exactly how many spots they needed at the time of registration
  - USA Archery is not planning to host collegiate only locations. USA Archery is aware for this concern for the regional locations and USA Archery will look to find a better solution for colleges for 2021.

- Can USA Archery make the Collegiate Indoor Finals the national title since they will be head to head matches?
  - USA Archery will have survey questions around the collegiate indoor final and can gather more feedback on this suggestion.

Callie thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 MT.